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Mr. Joe Meadors
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Dear Mr. Meadors:

This is a final response to your 1 July 2017 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for **an unredacted copy of CIA memorandum "Prospects for Political Ambitions of Moshe Dayan/Attack on USS Libery (sic) Ordered by Dayan," Report No. [Redacted] 3403-67, References 16835-46 with a date of Info of October, 1967 and CIA's analysis of that memorandum.** We processed your request in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 431, as amended.

We completed a thorough search for records responsive to your request and located one document, consisting of one page, which we can release in segregable form with deletions made on the basis of FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3). A copy of the document and an explanation of exemptions are enclosed. Exemption (b)(3) pertains to information exempt from disclosure by statute. The relevant statutes are Section 6 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, as amended, and Section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended. As the CIA Information and Privacy Coordinator, I am the CIA official responsible for this determination. You have the right to appeal this response to the Agency Release Panel, in my care, within 90 days from the date of this letter. Please include the basis of your appeal.

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Sincerely,

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Allison Fong
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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SUBJECT Prospects for Political Ambitions of Moshe Dayan/Attack on USS Liberty Ordered by Dayan
DATE DISTR 9 Nov 67
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REFERENCES 16735-46

DATE OF INFO. Oct 67

PLACE & DATE ACQ. Tel Aviv -- 1967

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

SOURCE US citizen, a businessman who frequently visits Israel to promote his company's products. [Source is normally available should this report generate requirements.]

1. I recently returned from Tel Aviv where I visited with business contacts and friends [redacted] for whom I have high regard. Our discussions included the future political role of Moshe Dayan. These people said that the longer Israel waits for elections, the less chance Dayan has of becoming Prime Minister. They recognize that Dayan's appointment as Minister of Defense provided impetus to the Israel war effort. Since the war, responsible Israelis have given and continue to give less credit to Dayan and more credit to General Rabin. My Israeli friends also are emphatic in saying that there will never be a negotiated peace with the Arabs so long as Dayan is Defense Minister.
2. My friends commented on the sinking of the US communications ship, Liberty. They said that Dayan personally ordered the attack on the ship and that one of his generals adamantly opposed the action and said, "This is pure murder." One of the admirals who was present also disapproved the action, and it was he who ordered it stopped and not Dayan. My friends believe that the attack against the US vessel is also detrimental to any political ambition Dayan may have.

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